

**BOROUGH OF ROCKY HILL
COUNCIL MINUTES
May 16, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Rocky Hill was called to order by Council President Pausch at 7:31 PM followed by the salute to the Flag.

NOTICE OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

The following statement was read into the record by Council President Pausch: This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting was included in a list of meetings transmitted to the Courier News and Somerset Spectator on January 5, 2011. Notice remains continuously posted as to required notices under the Statute. A copy of this notice is available to the public and is on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Tom Bremner-present, Mr. Jeff Donahue-present, Mr. Joshua E. Hochberg-present, Ms. Julia Hasser-present, Mr. Mark Pausch-present, Mr. Robert Steen-present.

Also present: Borough Attorney Albert Cruz, Deputy Clerk Raymond Whitlock
Mayor Zimmerman was unable to attend

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Council President Pausch thanked Acting Clerk Newman, Borough Attorney Cruz and Borough Engineer Tanner for their help in preparation for the meeting. Council President Pausch also thanked the assembled Council for their patience.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes –May 2, 2011 – Motion was made by Hochberg to approve the minutes as amended. Motion was seconded by Steen. Motion carried on roll call vote- all ayes.

For: Bremner, Donahue, Hasser, Hochberg, Pausch, Steen
Against: None
Abstain: None

REQUEST OF COUNCIL FOR NEW OR OLD BUSINESS (NOT ON AGENDA)

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

The floor was opened to the public for comments/questions. Hearing none the floor was immediately closed.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS- Bill List Dated 5/16/11

Motion was made to approve all vouchers with the exception of voucher #6798 by Steen. Motion was seconded by Donahue. Motion carried on roll call vote all ayes.

For: Bremner, Donahue, Hasser, Hochberg, Pausch, Steen
Against: None
Abstain: None

Approved 6/6/11

Motion was made by Steen to approve voucher # 6798. Motion was seconded by Hasser. Motion carried on roll call vote.

For: Donahue, Hasser, Hochberg, Pausch, Steen

Against: None

Abstain: Bremner

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Tax Collector Report – April 2011

Court Administrator Report – April 2011

Council President Pausch summarized the Court Administrators report for the month of April. Motion was made by Donahue to approve the reports as presented. Motion was seconded by Bremner. Motion carried on roll call vote- all ayes.

For: Bremner, Donahue Hasser, Hochberg, Pausch, Steen

Against: None

Abstain: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration & Records – Nothing to report at this time.

Buildings & Grounds – Council Member Donahue stated there were several minor repairs made and that he will be working with the Borough Engineer on the landscaping and other items for the Panicaro Park Memorial.

Finance & Insurance - Nothing to report at this time.

Public Safety & Emergency Services - Council President Pausch stated that the Rocky Hill First Aid Squad has reconstituted themselves under the direction of the new leadership. Council President Pausch stated that they have recruited 14 new members and held an election over the past weekend to elect new executive and operational leadership which are as follows: Medical Advisor -Beverly Poelstra, President - Scott Gorman, Secretary -Tom McGrew, Treasurer - Robert Ashbaugh, Captain -Caroline Davis, Assistant Captain - Deborah Westbrook, Training Officer- Steve Weber.

Streets & Roads – Nothing to report at this time.

Water, Sewer & Environmental Protection – Council Member Steen summarized the report for April stating 2,430,000 gallons had been pumped from well # 2 and that all bacterial tests were favorable.

Council Representative to Planning Board – Council Member Hasser stated there were two applications presented to the Board. One was for a shed replacement and another for the demolition of the house at 5 Montgomery Avenue. Council Member Hasser stated the plans that were submitted depicted a very large home approximately 3,500 sq feet, which the Board had objections towards, as it was not visually compatible with the neighboring homes.

Council Representative to Board of Health – Nothing at this time.

Zoning Official's Report – Zoning Officer Whitlock stated he spoke with Mr. Karch, the property owner for 98 Washington St., regarding the lack of progress on the porch. Mr. Karch stated his contractor lost his mother and therefore was unable to work while taking care of necessary family issues. Mr. Karch indicated that he would like to replace the roofs on the barns, and zoning officer Whitlock informed Mr. Karch he would need to come before the planning board to obtain approval.

Grants Committee – Council Member Bremner stated he submitted the grant for the Preservation of Borough Hall. Council Member Bremner thanked the grant committee for their assistance and he also thanked the Borough Clerk for her assistance. Council Member Bremner stated that the County commented that the grant looked good. Acting Clerk Newman stated that Council Member Bremner put a great deal of effort forth and thanked him for his efforts, Council agreed. Council President Pausch inquired if Council Member Bremner has heard anything regarding the energy grants for the upgrades to Borough Hall. Council Bremner replied he had spoken to Donnelly, the consulting Engineering firm, who stated they are very backlogged and they expect to update the Borough within a month.

Recreation Committee- Nothing at this time. Council Member Steen inquired about the Tennis Camp. Council Member Hasser stated she would look into it.

Approved 6/6/11

A change in order was requested by Council President Pausch

NEW BUSINESS

Embankment Repair 56 Washington Ave- Fred and Patti Seravello stated when they purchased their home, the embankment in front was grass and easy to maintain. Mr. Seravello stated when the road was widened the bank was cut back, and when sidewalks were put in, the bank was cut back even further. Mr. Seravello stated the County placed and erosion fabric down, planted junipers that were to spread, and mulched the bank. Mr. Seravello stated the junipers were the wrong type so they never spread and the mulch has all washed away and the fabric is now visible. Mr. Seravello stated the County has been out twice to repair it since it was installed 10 years ago, but at this point the County will not come out again. Mr. Seravello stated that he would like the assistance of the Borough. Council President Pausch stated that since this was done by the County the Borough does not have any responsibility for the issue, however the Borough can write a letter to the County on the Seravello's behalf.

Regular agenda order resumed

SPECIAL BUSINESS

Resolution 2011-47 Resolution to Remove Tree on Merritt Lane

Motion was made by Hasser to approve the resolution as presented. Motion was seconded by Steen. Motion carried on roll call vote- all ayes.

For: Bremner, Donahue, Hasser, Hochberg, Pausch, Steen

Against: None

Abstain: None

Resolution 2011-48 Chapter 159 Clean Communities Grant

Motion was made by Hasser to approve the resolution as presented. Motion was seconded by Steen. Motion carried on roll call vote- all ayes.

For: Bremner, Donahue, Hasser, Hochberg, Pausch, Steen

Against: None

Abstain: None

Resolution 2011-49 Appointment of Constable

Motion was made by Bremner to approve the resolution as presented. Motion was seconded by Donahue. Motion carried on roll call vote- all ayes.

For: Bremner, Donahue, Hasser, Hochberg, Pausch, Steen

Against: None

Abstain: None

Resolution 2011-50 Appointment of Summer Constable

Motion was made by Donahue to approve the resolution as presented. Motion was seconded by Hasser. Motion carried on roll call vote- all ayes.

For: Bremner, Donahue, Hasser, Hochberg, Pausch, Steen

Against: None

Abstain: None

Resolution 2011-51 Resolution to Recognize Alan Querec

Motion was made by Donahue to approve the resolution as presented. Motion was seconded by Hochberg. Motion carried on roll call vote- all ayes.

For: Bremner, Donahue, Hasser, Hochberg, Pausch, Steen

Against: None

Abstain: None

Approved 6/6/11

Resolution 2011 – 52 Resolution to Recognize Peggy Querec

Motion was made by Steen to approve the resolution as presented. Motion was seconded by Hasser.
Motion carried on roll call vote- all ayes.

For: Bremner, Donahue, Hasser, Hochberg, Pausch, Steen

Against: None

Abstain: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Historic Preservation Grant- Council Member Bremner refreshed the Council on the details regarding the historic preservation grant that was obtained in 2003. Council Member Bremner opined that it would be advantageous for the Borough to resolve this issue so future grants are not compromised. Council Member Bremner distributed a plan for how the Planning Board and the Borough would like to utilize the grant fund. Council Member Bremner summarized the plan which consists of a website that would allow homeowners to research the type of home they own and obtain information including links, that would help guide them when making renovations. A discussion ensued regarding the technical end of the website. Council Member Bremner asked for the Council's support for submission of the written plan to the County Planning Board. Members of Council agreed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Communications as listed were distributed, disseminated and filed accordingly.

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT

The floor was opened to the public for comments/questions:

Cliff Moore, Montgomery News- Mr. Moore asked for a complete list of intersections in which the lighted crosswalk signs are going to be installed in.

Hearing no further comments the floor was closed to the public.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Hochberg with a second by Bremner to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 PM. All voted in favor of adjournment.

Respectfully submitted:

Rebecca P. Newman
Acting Borough Clerk

Bill List 5/16/11

List of Bills - (0110101001) CASH CURRENT FUND

Check#	Vendor	Description	Payment	Check Total
6787	58 - COUNTY GOVERNING OFFICIALS	PO 3285 may mtg exp	140.00	140.00
6788	81 - ROCKY HILL FIRE COMPANY NO 1	PO 3277 misc operating equipment expense	19,585.59	19,585.59
6789	122 - KENCOR INC	PO 3283 bi monthly elevator insp	73.00	73.00
6790	210 - PSE&G	PO 3279 street lights to5-3-2011	695.03	695.03
6791	210 - PSE&G	PO 3280 panicaro park electric	20.03	20.03
6792	210 - PSE&G	PO 3281 boro hall electric	311.30	311.30
6793	210 - PSE&G	PO 3282 crescent pt park electric	6.30	6.30
6794	319 - RARITAN VALLEY DISPOSAL INC	PO 3274 trash removal march & april 2011	6,616.98	6,616.98
6795	247 - SOMERSET COUNTY TREASURER	PO 3272 1st qtr recycling fee	1,741.05	1,741.05
6796	247 - SOMERSET COUNTY TREASURER	PO 3273 healthservice exp april 2011	955.08	955.08
6797	253 - SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS	PO 3271 mayor's & clerk's blackberries	174.85	174.85
6798	416 - THOMAS BREMNER	PO 3276 supplies for grant work	67.65	67.65
6799	286 - VAN CLEEF ENGINEERING	PO 3278 gen eng through april 2011	2,579.77	2,579.77
6800	286 - VAN CLEEF ENGINEERING	PO 3284 van horne park work	2,000.00	2,000.00
6801	291 - VITAL SERVICES GROUP	PO 3275 blank farmland forms	6.75	6.75
TOTAL				34,973.38

Total to be paid from Fund 01 CURRENT FUND

34,973.38

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List of Bills - (0810101001) CASH UTILITY OPERATING

Check#	Vendor	Description	Payment	Check Total
6512	450 - ONE CALL CONCEPTS INC	PO 3287 april 2011 one calls	2.24	2.24
6513	204 - PITNEY BOWES	PO 3289 postage refill exp	207.99	207.99
6514	210 - PSE&G	PO 3288 water dept electric	2,500.00	2,500.00
6515	286 - VAN CLEEF ENGINEERING	PO 3286 water sewer enf work	1,193.50	1,193.50
TOTAL				3,903.73

Total to be paid from Fund 08 UTILITY OPERATING

3,903.73

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List of Bills - (0810101001) CASH UTILITY OPERATING

Check#	Vendor	Description	Payment	Check Total
6516	447 - HACH CO. C/O NORTHEAST TECH SALES	PO 2628 sewer meter along princeton ave	995.00	995.00
TOTAL				995.00

Total to be paid from Fund 08 UTILITY OPERATING

995.00

995.00

1002 State Treas

Dog Trust Fund
Dog Fees April 2011

\$30.60

RESOLUTION 2011 - 47

**BOROUGH OF ROCKY HILL
SOMERSET COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Rocky Hill has determined a tree on Merritt Lane located on Borough property has died and needs to be removed; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Rocky Hill has received a rate schedule of \$60.00 per hour through the County of Somerset; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Rocky Hill desires to utilize the County of Somerset to remove this tree at a rate of \$60.00 per hour for an amount not to exceed \$500.00, and

WHEREAS, the amount is below the bid threshold and will not exceed \$17,500.00 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, there are sufficient funds in the Borough's budget to pay for these service,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rocky Hill, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That the Borough of Rocky Hill utilizes The County of Somerset for the removal of the dead tree on Merritt Lane.
2. That there are sufficient funds in the Borough of Rocky Hill budget for this purchase as certified by the Chief Financial Officer.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

ATTEST:

By: 

Rebecca P. Newman
Acting Borough Clerk

By: 

Edward P. Zimmerman, Mayor

I, Joseph P. Monzo, Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Rocky Hill do hereby certify that funds for this contract are available from: 01-201-43-493-199.

Joseph P. Monzo, Chief Financial Officer

CERTIFICATION

I, Rebecca P. Newman, Acting Borough Clerk of the Borough of Rocky Hill do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Borough Council on May 16, 2011.

Rebecca P. Newman
Borough Clerk

**Providing for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the 2011 Budget
Pursuant to N.J.S. 40A:4-87 (Chapter 159, P. L. 1948)**

**BOROUGH OF ROCKY HILL
COUNTY OF SOMERSET**

RESOLUTION 2011-48

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amount.

SECTION 1

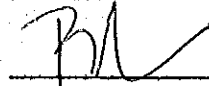
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED on this 16th^d day of May, 2011, that the Borough of Rocky Hill hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2011 in the sum of \$ 4,000 which item is now available as an additional revenue for Rocky Hill Borough from the State of NJ-Clean Communities

SECTION 2

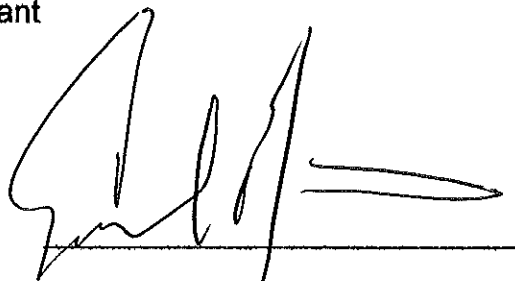
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$ 4,000 and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

State of NJ – Clean Communities Grant

ATTEST:



Rebecca P. Newman
Acting Borough Clerk



Edward P. Zimmerman, Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, Rebecca P. Newman, Acting Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Rocky Hill, County of Somerset and State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the

foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the Mayor and Council on May 16, 2011.

Rebecca P. Newman, Acting Borough Clerk

Explanation: This Resolution confirms the appointment of James Banks as a constable for the Borough.

**BOROUGH OF ROCKY HILL
RESOLUTION NO. 2011-49**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Rocky Hill is in need of an appointment of a Constable because of the resignation of a Borough Constable, and

WHEREAS, on May 2, 2011, the Mayor and Council appointed James Banks as Constable; and

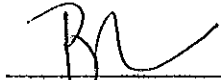
WHEREAS, the Borough Council recommends that Mr. Banks be compensated at a salary of \$4,950.00 annually, and

WHEREAS, the term of the constable position will be for two years.

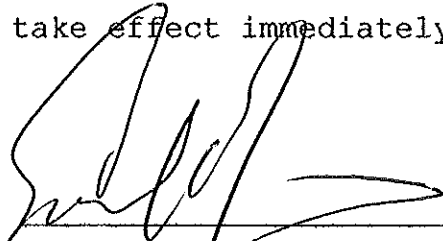
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Rocky Hill, County of Somerset, and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That the appointment of James Banks as the Borough's Constable at the May 2, 2011, meeting of Borough Council is hereby confirmed.
2. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

ATTEST:



Rebecca P. Newman
Acting Borough Clerk


Edward P. Zimmerman, Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, Rebecca P. Newman, Acting Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Rocky Hill, County of Somerset and State of New Jersey, do

hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the Mayor and Council on May 16, 2011.

Rebecca P. Newman, Acting Borough Clerk

Explanation: This Resolution confirms the appointment of William Hallman as a Summer Constable for the Borough.

**BOROUGH OF ROCKY HILL
RESOLUTION NO. 2011-50**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Rocky Hill is in need of a Summer Constable, and

WHEREAS, on May 2, 2011, the Mayor and Council appointed William Hallman Jr. as a Summer Constable; and

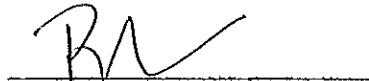
WHEREAS, the Borough Council recommends that Mr. Hallman be compensated at a salary of \$2,475.00 for his term, and

WHEREAS, the term of the Summer Constable position will be from May 15, 2011 through September 1, 2011.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Rocky Hill, County of Somerset, and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That the appointment of William Hallman Jr. as the Borough's Summer Constable at the May 2, 2011, meeting of Borough Council is hereby confirmed.
2. That William Hallman Jr. will be compensated \$2,475.00 for the term of May 15, 2011 through September 1, 2011.
3. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

ATTEST:



Rebecca P. Newman
Acting Borough Clerk



Edward P. Zimmerman, Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, Rebecca P. Newman, Acting Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Rocky Hill, County of Somerset and State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the Mayor and Council on May 16, 2011.

Rebecca P. Newman, Acting Borough Clerk

Resolution to Recognize National Emergency Medical Services Week by
Honoring the Contributions of Alan Querec, a Rocky Hill Citizen

COUNTY OF SOMERSET
BOROUGH OF ROCKY HILL

RESOLUTION 2011-51

Whereas, May 15 through May 21, 2011, is National Emergency Medical Services Week; and,

Whereas, emergency medical service can dramatically improve the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and,

Whereas, the Borough of Rocky Hill has been well-served by the Rocky Hill First Aid and Rescue Squad continuously since its founding sixty-two years ago; and,

Whereas, the Rocky Hill First Aid and Rescue Squad has been chartered and served by founding families over generations and by community volunteers;

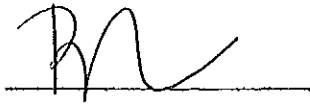
Whereas, it is appropriate that the Borough recognize the contributions of particular members of this community who for over three decades have provided emergency medical service to Rocky Hill's citizens with great distinction and dedication;

Now therefore be it resolved, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rocky Hill express their deep and abiding appreciation and gratitude

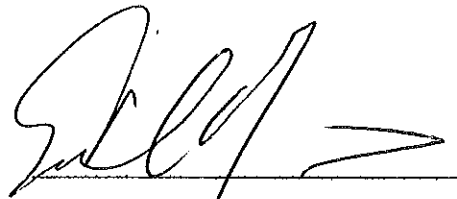
to

Alan Querec
President and Member
Rocky Hill First Aid and Rescue Squad
for his leadership, selfless public
service, and enhancement to life in
our community.

ATTEST:



Rebecca P. Newman
Acting Borough Clerk



Edward P. Zimmerman, Mayor

CERTIFICATION

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Rebecca P. Newman, Acting Borough Clerk

Resolution to Recognize National Emergency Medical Services Week by
Honoring the Contributions of Peggy Querec, a Rocky Hill Citizen

BOROUGH OF ROCKY HILL
COUNTY OF SOMERSET

RESOLUTION 2011-52

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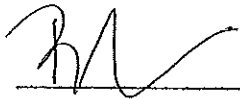
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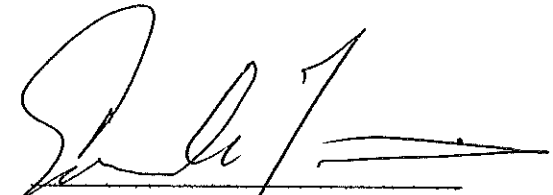
Peggy Querec
Former Captain and Board Member
Rocky Hill First Aid and Rescue Squad

for her leadership, selfless public
service, and enhancement to life in
our community.

ATTEST:



Rebecca P. Newman
Acting Borough Clerk



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